

We claim:

1 1. A hand-held, electronic computing device capable of wireless communication
2 having a physical configuration comprising:

3 a body portion;

4 a display portion slidably coupled to the body portion;

5 a constantly visible display carried by the display portion;

6 an alphanumeric keyboard carried by the body portion;

7 wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed by the display
8 portion when not in use.

1 2. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the
2 display portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard.

1 3. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the
2 display portion slides relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally parallel
3 with the alphanumeric keyboard.

1 4. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 a means for supporting the display portion when the display portion is slid to
4 reveal the alphanumeric keyboard.

1 5. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the
2 display portion slides relative to the body portion along non-planar path.

1 6. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration
2 comprising:
3 a body portion;
4 a display portion pivotally coupled to the body portion;
5 a constantly visible display carried by the display portion;
6 an alphanumeric keyboard carried by the body portion;
7 wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed by the display
8 portion when not in use.

1 7. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 6, wherein the
2 display portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard.

1 8. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 6, wherein the
2 display portion pivots relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally parallel
3 with the alphanumeric keyboard.

1 9. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration
2 comprising:
3 a body portion;
4 a display portion coupled to the body portion;
5 a constantly visible display carried by the display portion;
6 an alphanumeric keyboard slidably coupled to the body portion;
7 wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed within the body
8 portion when not in use.

1 10. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 9, wherein the
2 body portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard when not in use.

3 11. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 9, wherein the
4 alphanumeric keyboard translates relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally
5 parallel with the constantly visible display.

1 12. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration
2 comprising:

3 a body portion;

4 a constantly visible display carried by the body portion;

5 an alphanumeric keyboard pivotally coupled to the body portion;

6 wherein the alphanumeric keyboard is at least partially concealed within the body
7 portion when not in use.

1 13. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 12, wherein the
2 body portion completely conceals the alphanumeric keyboard when not in use.
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1 14. The hand-held, electronic computing device according to Claim 12, wherein the
2 alphanumeric keyboard pivots relative to the body portion in a plane that is generally
3 parallel with the constantly visible display.
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1 15. A hand-held, electronic computing device having a physical configuration
2 comprising:
3 a body portion;
4 an alphanumeric keyboard coupled to the body portion;
5 a display portion hingedly coupled to the body portion in a reverse clamshell
6 fashion; and
7 a constantly visible display carried by the display portion.
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